

Overview of Changes from 2015-2016 to 2016-2017



This section provides an overview of the changes made for 2016-2017 for Common Origination and Disbursement (COD).

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Common Origination and Disbursement (COD) Changes

Changes from 2015-2016 to 2016-2017

The change descriptions are organized by the following three categories: Additions, Modifications, and Removals. The first column provides a description of each change. The remaining columns indicate which programs the change will affect.

Additions to Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
Edit 219					
Edit 220					
Borrower Defense Discharge					
Borrower Default Check					

Modifications to Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
Enrollment Date Processing					
Payment Period Processing					
Edit 46					
Edit 205					
Edit 206					
Edit 207					
SULA Loan Limit Exception					

Removals from Common Origination and Disbursement

Description	Pell Grant Program	ACG Program	National SMART Grant Program	Direct Loan Program	TEACH Grant Program
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COD Common Record Response Receipt					
Edit 143					
Retirement of ACG and SMART processing					
ACG and SMART Edits 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134, 135, 136, and 137					
TEACH-ATS Web Site					

Additions to COD for 2016-2017

Correcting Edit 219

Beginning in October 2016, COD will introduce correcting edit 219 for the Direct Loan program. Edit 219 will validate that the Award Amount is not greater than the sum of the actual and anticipated Disbursement Amount(s). Correcting Edit 219 will be triggered at the award level in the <FinancialAwardAmount> tag and the corrected value will be returned in the <ResponseErrorValue> tag. The edit will trigger for the 2016-2017 award year and forward

Warning Edit 220

Beginning in October 2016, COD will introduce warning edit 220 for the Direct Loan program. Edit 220 will trigger when a zeroed out disbursement has a Payment Period Start Date that occurs within the Loan Period on maintenance. The edit will trigger for Award Years 2014-2015 and forward

Borrower Defense Discharge

Beginning in October 2016, COD will begin receiving Borrower Defense Discharges from Servicers. This information will be available to view on the COD Web Site and will be used in determining loan limits and a borrower's SULA usage.

Borrower Default Check in PLUS App

Beginning in November 2016, StudentLoans.gov will be modified to check a borrower's loan history at NSLDS as a part of the PLUS Application process. Schools will be notified via the PLUS Application (SP) system generated response of the borrower's default status in the <defaultoverpaycode> field.

Value definitions for tag:

Y = Yes

N = No

E = Not Returned from NSLDS

Modifications to COD for 2016-2017

Grants Enrollment Date Processing

Beginning in October 2016, the COD system will no longer correct invalid enrollment dates for Pell Grants. Enrollment dates which fall outside of the valid date ranges will be rejected with existing reject edit 996 for Award 2016-2017 and forward.

The valid value date range will also be expanded for 2015-2016 and forward for the Pell and TEACH Programs.

Grants Payment Period Date Processing

Beginning in October 2016, the COD system will no longer correct invalid payment period dates for Pell Grants. Payment Period Dates which fall outside of the valid date ranges be rejected with existing reject edit 996 for Award 2016-2017 and forward.

The valid value date range will also be expanded for 2015-2016 and forward for the Pell and TEACH Programs.

Edit 46

The COD System will modify existing Edit 46 to reject origination and maintenance records where the Academic Year is less than 170 days. The edit may trigger on the end date or begin date depending on what value is changed.

Edit 205

The COD System will bypass existing edit 205 if the disbursement amount amount is zero.

Edit 206

The COD System will bypass existing edit 206 for origination or maintenance records that cause the loan's remaining subsidized eligibility period to increase or stay the same.

Edit 207

The COD System will bypass existing edit 207 for a HCM school when a disbursement is approved via the COD Action Queue which has a sequence number greater than 1.

SULA Loan Limit Exception

Beginning in October 2016, the COD system will include additional criteria to determine if SULA Loan Limit Exception processing will apply. The loan limit exception processing will apply if the following criteria are met:

1. Loan Period Length, defined as the number of days between the Financial Award Begin and End Dates, is less than the Academic Year Length
2. Award Amount for the award is equal to the annual subsidized limit for the student's Grade Level.
3. Loan Period for the award does not overlap with the Loan Period of any other active awards for that student.
4. Borrower does not have another active Subsidized Direct Loan award in the "applicable academic year" with a higher Grade Level

Removals from COD for 2016-2017

Common Record Receipts

Beginning in March 2016, the COD System will no longer generate receipts for common record responses.

Edit 143

Beginning in March 2016, the COD System will retire common record edit 143.

Retirement of ACG/SMART Processing

Beginning in March 2016, the COD System will no longer support the processing of ACG and SMART records.

ACG/SMART Edits

With the retirement of the ACG and SMART programs, the COD System will retire common record edits 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134, 135, 136, and 137.

TEACH-ATS Web Site

Beginning in October 2016, the TEACH-ATS web site will be retired. Functionality currently found on the TEACH-ATS web site will be made available via StudentLoans.gov.